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1. DR. JOHN WASYLIK, US COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE VFW ADDRESSED THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ROC VOCATIONAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION FOR RETIRED SERVICEMEN (VACRS) APRIL 8. HIS PRESENCE WAS NOTED BY ALL PAPERS, HOWEVER, ONLY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA POST ON APRIL 9 QUOTED EXCERPTS FROM HIS COMMENTS AS FOLLOWS: "WE WILL NEVER LET A HANDFUL OF POLITICIANS BETRAY OUR STAUNCH ALLIES HERE ON TAIWAN." AND "LET US ALL HOPE THAT YOU, THE FREE CHINESE, AND WE, THE FREE AMERICANS, CAN CONTINUE TO MARCH SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER IN PEACE TOWARD A WORLD IN WHICH ALL MEN WILL BE FREE, TOWARD A WORLD WHERE THE ONLY LIMITATION ON A MAN IS HIS OWN ABILITY -- NOT A POLITICAL SYSTEM THAT EXISTS FOR THE FEW IN THE GUISE OF HELPING THE MANY."

2. THE CONVENTION OF LOCALLY INFLUENTIAL VACRS WHICH INCLUDED SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT YEN AND PRESIDENT-ELECT CHIANG CHING-KUO (WHO SERVED AS VACRS CHAIRMAN FROM 1956 TO 1964) RECEIVED BROAD NEWS COVERAGE.

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3. PRIOR TO CONVENTION DR. WASYLIK CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AND THEIR CONVERSATION WAS FRIENDLY AND RATHER GENERAL.
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